

## ARTICLE II.

## LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Two branches.

SECTION 1. The Legislative authority shall be vested in two distinct branches, both dependent on the people, to wit: a Senate and House of Representatives.

Time of assembling.

SEC. 2. The Senate and House of Representatives shall meet annually on the third Monday in November, and when assembled, shall be denominated the General Assembly. Neither House shall proceed upon public business, unless a majority of all the members are actually present.

Number of Senators.

SEC. 3. The Senate shall be composed of fifty Senators biennially chosen by ballot.

Senatorial districts.

SEC. 4. Until the first session of the General Assembly which shall be had after the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, the Senate shall be composed of members elected from districts constituted as follows:

1st District—Perquimans, Chowan, Pasquotank, Currituck, Gates and Camden shall elect two Senators.

2d District—Martin, Washington and Tyrrell shall elect one Senator.

3d District—Beaufort and Hyde shall elect one Senator.

4th District—Northampton shall elect one Senator.

5th District—Bertie and Hertford shall elect one Senator.

6th District—Halifax shall elect one Senator.

7th District—Edgecombe shall elect one Senator.

8th District—Pitt shall elect one Senator.

9th District—Nash and Wilson shall elect one Senator.

10th District—Craven and Carteret shall elect two Senators.

11th District—Jones and Lenoir shall elect one Senator.

12th District—Duplin and Onslow shall elect one Senator.

13th District—Brunswick and New Hanover shall elect two Senators.

14th District—Bladen and Columbus shall elect one Senator.

15th District—Robeson shall elect one Senator.